

185th Fighter Wing Bats Can August 00



Recognition for Korean War Veterans

Some people who have retired from Sioux City's Air National Guard unit are eligible for the new Korean War Service Medal.

Nearly 50 years ago, the 174th Fighter Squadron was activated to Korea. Air Guard members who were called to serve there along with their active duty counterparts are eligible to receive the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

At a special ceremony at the Sioux City Convention Center on July 24, to honor more than 15-hundred Korean War Veterans from Northwest Iowa, Congressman Tom Latham announced that anyone who served between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953 is eligible for the medal. A person must have been on active duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days and performed

duties within the territorial limits of Korea. There are further limitations and restrictions as well. Should you have any questions, please contact Congressman Tom Latham's office (712-737-8708) or see the 185th web-site at www.185fw.ang.af.mil

Congratulations and thank you to all who served us so well!!

Several prominent people led the ceremony, including former 185th Commander Dennis Swanstrom, Iowa Congressman Tom Latham, U.S. Senator Bob Dole and USMC

Maj Gen Randall West.

Many 185th members also took part in this event.

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Former 185th Commander, Brig Gen (Ret) Swanstrom (R) worked with Congressman Latham to produce the recognition ceremony.



WWII veteran Senator Bob Dole (R) listened as Maj Joe Ascherl sang the National Anthem.



Korean War Veterans



Senator Bob Dole addresses the veterans



Featured speaker USMC Maj Gen Randall West

Commander's Comments



I had a phone call from Mike Paradise – a former member and pilot with the 185th. Why he called is a long story, but all of you

Who know Mike know all of his stories are long ones. Anyway, he called to wish me well as so many of you have. If you haven't already heard, I was diagnosed with throat cancer in March and have had two surgeries and a radiation series. I'm done with the treatments now and on the mend. The prognosis is good, but I'll be a frequent visitor to the Doctor's office for a while. I just want to say thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers. Your kindness has helped my family and me tremendously.

We said farewell to Frank Rosalez during the July drill. Frank's retirement is quite a loss. His artwork is known worldwide. Frank designed the distinctive tailflash we now have on our F-16s. In addition to our tailflash, Frank painted the F-16 mural in Ops, and the unit patches that line the walls in the dining hall. We will miss his talent. Our best wishes Frank.



Congratulations are in order for CMS Jim Clark. Maj. Gen. Dardis, our Adjutant General, selected Chief Clark to be

Iowa's next Command Chief Master Sergeant replacing Chief Larry Malaise of Fort Dodge. We know Jim will do a great job.

I want to say thanks to everyone, and especially the recruiters, for all of your efforts. The 185th is currently at 99.4% of our assigned strength. It looks like we will make our goal of 100% by October.

GREAT JOB.

Even though I haven't been out and about much, I have still seen a few former members or their families recently. Joe Peschel's daughter Joan Waitt was at the 185th in July. She said Joe is in the Phoenix area and doing well. I saw Bruce Mosier and Norm Schaap at a Guard retiree day in Des Moines. They both look good. I ran into Courtney Noreen and Lloyd Bach. They are doing well also.

Command Chief Master Sergeant's Comments



Once again we would like to offer our congratulations to those six members of the 185th who graduated from ALS (Airman Leadership School) on 29 Jun at Offutt AFB. A special congratulations to SrA Margaret Greaves (MPF Flight) for being the Enlisted Heritage Speaker, and to SSgt Paul Oppen (Security Force) for claiming the Leadership Award. These are outstanding troops (SSgt Chad DeRaad, SrA Brett Greenough, SSgt Brad Sewell, SSgt Jason Theisen) who should be very proud of their achievement.

ALS is open to any airman with 48 months time in Service.

In a separate item, the 185th had special guests on base 6 July; Mr. Robert Crampton and his wife Irene from Kiron, Iowa. I first met Bob at the funeral of Lt Col Ray Klocke in Templeton, Iowa, in March.



In conversation, I found out Bob was a ball-turret gunner on a B-17G in WWII. I invited him to come and visit us, and especially the Air Museum. When he and Irene arrived on the 6th he was given a tour of our facilities by SMSgt Sandy Winter and myself. Being comfortable in this military environment, he began to relate stories to us. Such as: The war (in Europe) had ended, but there was a group of hardened German SS troops in the forest who refused to surrender. Unwilling to commit ground troops to roust them out (the fighting was over), the order was given for B-17s to attack at low level. Being a ball-turret (belly) gunner, Bob had a birds eye view, and a direct line of fire, on the SS troops. This was the first time he had ever seen the enemy like this, and to this day he has great difficulty telling the story.

Another time he was ordered to fly (separate from his crew) from his base in Foggia, Italy to an undisclosed location. After flying over water for several hours, he arrived. Told to line up with other G.I.'s from the other branches, he still didn't understand what was going on, even when (while he was standing at attention) Joseph Stalin walked by, followed by Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was on the island of Malta, and this was the Malta Conference. A veteran of the bloody Ploesti (Rumania) air raids

(15th AF, 483rd Bombardment Group), Bob thoroughly enjoyed the Air Museum's Ploesti display. Considering that thousands of airmen went down at Ploesti, Bob is fortunate to be here. He had many other highly interesting stories to relate. Our WWII vets are passing at a rate of a thousand a day, and there are so many great stories (like Bob's) that should be told. It was a great honor to listen to this humble man drift back to the bloody skies over Europe 55+ years ago. He and all the others are our heritage.

133ACS Change of Command & Promotion Ceremony



(L-R) Col Joe Lucas, Lt Col Dave Ott and Lt Col Richard Breitbach

On Saturday, 15 July, long-time Commander, Lt Col David Ott, relinquished his command of the 133rd Air Control Squadron (ACS) to Lt Col Richard Breitbach in an outdoor ceremony at the unit. Lt Col Ott was to officially retire 1 August. A pinning on ceremony was also held for Lt Col Breitbach. Col Joe Lucas, State Headquarters, presented Lt Col Ott with the Meritorious Service Award. Lt Col Ott will also receive the higher award, the Legion of Merit, which was being authorized but had not yet arrived.

Lt Col Ott became the 133 ACS Unit Commander on 16 July 1989. He began his career when he entered active duty in the USAF in September 1966. He completed

navigation school at Mather AFB in Sacramento, California. He flew KC-135 tankers as a navigator from November 1967 to August 1971 with the 922nd Aerial Refueling Squadron based at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He was released from active duty on 1 August 1971. After a three-year break in service, he moved back to Iowa and became a member of the 133 ACS as a Traditional Guardsman on 7 December 1974. During the 1970s he worked as a civilian purchasing agent with FMC and as a weapons controller and later the Director of Operations with the 133 ACS. Lt Col Ott accepted a full-time position as a Weapons Controller with the 133rd in April of 1985.

The 185th Fighter Wing was well represented at the ceremony, along with State Headquarters staff. SMSgt Pearl Rohmiller, representing the 185th, presented LTC Ott with a plaque at the evening retirement dinner.

Lt Col Ott thanked his family for allowing him to have the career he has had. He said he's missed a lot of ball games and all types of family get-togethers, because he's been somewhere else.

Lt Col Breitbach's family helped him to transform from a major to a lieutenant colonel at the pinning on ceremony. Before Lt Col Breitbach came to the 133rd squadron, he served in the Air Force as a pararescueman. He was credited for saving more than 20 lives in 11 different rescue missions. He worked with the NASA space program and participated in many rescues in the Pacific Ocean and was also assigned to the 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. After several other assignments, including one in which he identified Soviet aircraft in the North Atlantic, Lt Col Breitbach joined the Iowa Air National Guard as the Director of Operations for the 133rd in 1996.

Lt Col Ott said knowing that he was leaving the squadron in capable hands made leaving the job easier. Lt Col Breitbach and Lt Col Ott will

still work together. Lt Col Ott will work for a Des Moines corporation, ISTS, which is in partnership with the Iowa Technology Center at Camp Dodge. He will work in partnership with the 133rd furthering the use of technology in the area.

Community Involvement

Members of the 185th maintain their long-standing tradition of service to Siouxland communities in various ways. Recent examples include a swimming party for young people involved in Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) programs. That took place at Sioux City's Riverside Aquatic Center. The D.A.R.E. team; made up of Sioux City's "Attack" Indoor Football Team, the Sioux City Police Department, the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office and the 185th, co-sponsored the event. Sioux City's indoor football team, the "Attack" and the 185th have also teamed up in an effort to attract new recruits. The ropes course here at the 185th is being well utilized. More than 1,000 people have gone through the course as of May. It serves as a team-building, problem-solving learning experience that is aimed at helping boys and girls steer clear of negative influences. For information about that program, you can contact TSgt Christy Berger at 0570.



DARE swimming party



AD.A.R.E. Team swimming party at Sioux City's Riverside Aquatic Center in June.



Above and below -- Sioux City's "Attack" indoor football team enhances recruiting efforts.



A group of 9th graders traversed the ropes course in May.



Above and next column -- Sgt Bluff Parade -- a tradition with the 185th for many years



Chapel Call

With the popularity of Dr. Laura Schlessinger, a renewed interest in Paul Harvey, and concerns over the problems in our society, morality has become a popular topic again. It seems like all of a sudden, everybody is in favor of moral living. So, is this really important? The answer: It is essential!

You and I, as members of the 185FW, have a very deep need to be persons of moral commitment. As Air Guard members we are the representation of the willingness of our nation to fight for what we say is right. If we do not have a solidly moral basis for determining what is right, we become dangerous.

The little book of Jude in the Bible was written to express just this thought. Jude is telling his readers that the "teachers" who say morality does not matter are leading them down a path that leads to death. Jude points out that throughout human history societies that become immoral face judgment from God. He says, "I must remind you—and you know it well—that even though the Lord rescued the whole nation of Israel from Egypt, he later destroyed every one of those who did not remain faithful." He is referring to the fact that none of the children of Israel who were with Moses coming out of Egypt (except Joshua and Caleb) went into the promised land because they turned from God.

Jude's point, and my message, is holding faithfully to what God has called you to be, and doing it with a conviction of a life given to moral witness through life style and daily living is the true evidence of God's Spirit working in our life.

by Chaplain Merrill Muller

Iowa National Guard and Reserve



August Family Fun Day

Who and Why:

All National Guard & Reserve soldiers from Iowa, southeastern South Dakota, southwestern Minnesota and their families are invited to attend. It will be a special day to thank soldiers & their families for all of the sacrifices they make for our states & nation. The event is sponsored by the Employers in Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR), Arnolds Park Amusement Park, & the Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

What:

To attend a DAY OF FUN at the Arnolds Park Amusement Park.

The following will be provided to the above individuals:

ADMISSION & RIDES AT ARNOLDS PARK AMUSEMENT PARK (FREE)

TOUR OF WEST LAKE OKOBOJI ON THE HISTORIC QUEEN II (\$2 Off)

ADMISSION TO THE MARITIME MUSEUM (FREE)

GODFATHER'S PIZZA & COKE (FREE)

When:

August 20, 2000

11:30 A.M. Admission into Arnolds Park Amusement Park

12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Board QUEEN II (boarding every 1 1/2 hrs)

3:30 P.M. Presentation of Awards & Comments

4:00 P.M. Godfather's Pizza & Coke served (For those who turned in names for list of those attending.)

6:00 P.M. End of Event

September Family Fun Day

Make plans now to attend 185th Family Day Sunday, 10 September.

Who is invited? Military members and grandparents, parents, spouses, children, significant others

Schedule of Events

0745 – Protestant Service (Bldg 269, Chapel)

0900 – Catholic Mass (Bldg 269, Chapel)

0900 - 1400 – Young Eagles Free Airplane Rides

0930 – Base Tours begin

1000 – 1100 – Financial Management Briefing

1100 – 1300 - Information Booths open

1100 – 1300 – Lunch (Grilled Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, Drinks)

1100 – 1500 – Family Games, Volleyball, Basketball Shoot Out



Free Airplane Rides During Family Fun Day

The local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter 291 will have several airplanes and pilots giving free airplane rides during the September 10th Family Fun Day.

They want to give "Young Eagle" rides to everyone who wants one between the ages of 8 and 17 – but demand may exceed capability. For the Young Eagle pilots to determine how many airplanes and pilots to bring to the 185th ramp, they need an indication of how many people intend to participate. If you intend to take advantage of this great opportunity, send an email to

dick.fechter@iasiou.ang.af.mil and a copy to JCBar1@aol.com. If you do not have email capability, call our answering machine at 712-233-0400 and leave a message. If there are more "Young Eagles" than pilots can fly, the priority will go to students who have notified us before the event. Others will have their names drawn at random to determine who gets a ride. When future "Young Eagles" arrive at the 185th, they are to report to the Family Support table for further instructions. Riders will need their parents to sign a release form.

What's this program about?

Have you ever wondered what it's like to fly? Young Eagles don't have to imagine what flying is like. Each Young Eagle will become part of a special group of people who have shared in a common experience -- the thrill of flying! You will have the chance to actually fly in an airplane and look at the world below you. You are invited to take to the skies and become a Young Eagle!

What do I have to do to become a Young Eagle?

If you are between age 8 and 17, pick up a copy of the Young Eagle brochure and have a parent or guardian complete the registration form. Forms will be available at the Family Support table.

What happens after the flight?

After your flight, your pilot will complete and mail the Registration Form, so you can:

- Be registered as a Young Eagle
- Have your name listed in the world's largest logbook on display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI;
- Obtain additional information on other aviation organizations and activities;
- Receive information on scholarship programs administered by the EAA Aviation Foundation;
- And more...

Will it be safe?

Millions of people fly safely in airplanes every year. However, an

airport is not a playground. Listen and follow instructions given by your pilot and follow these simple rules when you are around an airplane:

- Stay away from the propellers;
- Listen carefully for instructions on entering and exiting the airplane;
- Do not touch any part of an airplane without the pilot's permission.
- Stay with your pilot or ground crew at all times.

For more information see <http://www.youngeagles.org>

Lt Col Dick Fechter

185th Supports Juvenile Diabetes Walk

Members of the 185th, along with family and friends, have consistently been an outstanding community citizen by participating in many charitable events in Siouxland.

On **Sunday, 24 September**, (SUTA weekend) the Siouxland Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF) will hold its annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes" fundraiser. This is the 185th's fifth year to participate. This year's event will be held at **Dakota Dunes** with a **2:30 p.m. start time**. The event is a three-mile walk through the Dunes residential area.

Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disorder that adversely affects the body's ability to manufacture or use insulin, a hormone necessary to permit the body to use food as energy. Approximately 16 million Americans – many of whom are children – suffer from diabetes. About 179,000 people die from diabetes and its complications every year ... that's one death every 3 minutes. JDF is dedicated to curing diabetes.

Make this a family event. Volunteer to walk on the 185th team. The Walker Sign-up Sheet is outside of **Room 3** in the **Headquarters Bldg**. Our goal is 40 walkers. All 185th walkers will receive a T-shirt for walking. Family and friends may order these T-shirts at a cost. Last year 185th members raised close to

\$3,000. Siouxland's goal for 2000 is to surpass their goal of \$350,000. This year we, too, hope to surpass the amount we raised last year. Nearly everyone has Diabetes in their family somewhere or knows of someone who has it. Contact Linda Kuester, ext 0502 or TSG Chris Coons, ext 0754 for a registration form. Support the 185th team.

Hoops-For-Hearts



The Third Annual Mark Bokemper Hoops for Hearts, Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament was a huge success. It attracted more than 250 active participants. They persevered through highly-competitive play on a mighty hot day, July 8. In all, 63 teams turned out for the event. It raises money that goes toward the fight against heart disease.



The regional director of the Heartland Affiliate of the American Heart Association, Linda Wadedo-Jochims, says sponsorship doubled this year. Hoops for Hearts was established in memory of a 185th member. Captain Mark Bokemper died in 1996 at the age of 31 of cardiac arrhythmia. The enthusiasm displayed at the annual event is a real tribute to his service with the 185th and to his family, which is very actively involved in the fund-raising activity named in his honor. To them,

along with the volunteers from the unit, and the many people who took part in the event; **THANK YOU!**

Night at the Ballpark

About 275 185th members and their families consumed about 600 hotdogs and enjoyed the game. They also raised money for Mrs Iowa (also known as Mrs CMSgt Bruce Johnson)



Three jars for money -- Col Considine, Col Menefee and Lt Col Foreman. People voted with money to decide which commander would get the pie in the face by Cindy Johnson (Mrs. Iowa).



The winner!!

185th Member Spearheads WWII Memorial Fund Raiser



TSGt James Keating and "Cody Country" 4-H Club members who

went the distance to help raise money for the WWII Memorial.

On Flag Day, June 14, 185th Aircraft Fuel System Specialist, TSgt James Keating led "Cody Country" 4-H members on a seven-mile walk on the Cowboy Trail from Cody, Nebraska to Nenzel. They did it to raise money for the World War Two Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C. The Cowboy Trail is an old railroad route that spans 200 miles from Merriman to Norfolk, Nebraska. Keating, a "traditional" member of Sioux City's Air Guard unit, says this was a small walk compared to the hundreds of thousands of miles that people in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps have walked, sailed and flown to restore freedom around the globe. The walk had special meaning to his family. Keating is a member of VFW Post 15028 and American Legion Post 319. His Father was an infantryman in WWII. His father-in-law served in Burma and China, and his wife had an uncle who took part in the Normandy Landing, and another who was at the Battle of the Bulge. Keating's Father lost two cousins in The Second World War. One of them was at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Oklahoma, the other was in a B-17 Bomber that went down over the Mediterranean in the Battle of North Africa. Keating says the young 4-H members walked with pride and showed their true colors as they waved their flags while they walked. They raised more than \$200 for the WWII Memorial Fund. Construction of the memorial is scheduled to begin on Veterans Day. People who are interested in contributing to the fund, or finding out more about that memorial, may do so by visiting this web site: www.wwiimemorial.com.

Origin of Veteran's Day

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Many people came to the burial and a military ceremony was performed for the Unknown Soldier.

On November 11th, people began to celebrate the end of WWI fighting, ending the 11th hour of the 11th day

of the 11th month. A Memorial Ceremony for the Unknown Soldier was included during the celebrations. The day was christened "Armistice Day." It became a national holiday, so citizens and military soldiers could pay tribute to the Unknown Soldier and the ending of WWI ("The war to end all wars").

However, WWI was not the last war American Soldiers fought. To pay tribute and honor all those Americans who served their nation in time of war, a proposal was made to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day.

In 1958, two more unknown soldiers were brought home (One killed during WWII and the other killed during the Korean War) and were buried beside the Unknown Soldier. Ceremonies took place on November 11th for the three Unknown Soldiers. In 1968, the recognition date of Veterans Day was changed to the fourth Monday in October. However, because November 11th was so significant to American history, the recognition date was reverted back to its original date of November 11th in 1978. During this change, there were only three Unknown Soldiers buried in Arlington Cemetery.

In 1984, another Unknown Soldier (killed during the Vietnam War) was also buried beside the three other Unknown Soldiers. Presently, an Army honor guard keeps vigil day and night at Arlington Cemetery.

November 11th is now recognized as a day to pay tribute to and honor All-American soldiers who died for our country.

<http://www.computingcorner.com/holidays/vets/origin.html>

Korean War Commemoration

*By Staff Sgt. Michael Dorsey
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WASHINGTON(AFPN) -- More than 100 Korean War artifacts, 21 aircraft, 14 murals and a number of previously unpublished photos make up the Air Force Museum's historical tribute to those who served in the "Forgotten War."

"Korea Remembered: The Air Force Comes of Age" is open at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, showcasing all aspects of air power and its impact on today's military.

"This is a display that doesn't duplicate the museum's permanent Korean War Gallery," said Jeff Duford, Air Force Museum researcher. "It examines the changing roles, technology and tactics within the greater scope of U.S. Air Force history."

The exhibit consists of eight sections - air superiority, strategic bombing, interdiction, close air support, reconnaissance, Korean airlift, aeromedical evacuation and air rescue -- tucked between large mountain elements. According to Duford, the elements will lead viewers through a 120-foot-long valley showcasing 200 photographs. Most of the pictures are in color and many have never been published. He said dividing the exhibit into eight sections was the best way to tell the Korean War story.

"Only 11 percent of the missions were air superiority," Duford said. "Interdiction and airlift each made up 29 percent of the missions flown by the Air Force in Korea, while close air support totaled 17 percent."

Although the exhibit showcases more than just aircraft, Duford said there will be special signs in front of 21 representative aircraft that are currently on display throughout the museum. The F-86 Sabre jet, the aircraft that produced many aces, and cargo aircraft like the C-47 are just two of the aircraft highlighted.

The exhibit has more than 100 artifacts including:

- an M-3 machine gun from an F-86,
- 23 and 37mm cannons from a MiG-15,
- a Korean A-frame backpack,
- a C-1 survival vest; and
- a Razon guided bomb

Duford said the exhibit's real focus is on the people who served. Eight life-like mannequins appear throughout the exhibit wearing uniforms of a pilot and other support airmen that reflect the times. One of the displays shows an airman in a barracks writing a letter home. In addition, there are 14 large murals, 13 in color, and three videos included in the exhibit.

"The first is an introductory video that covers the war on the ground from the beginning to the stalemate in 1951," Duford said. The second video covers MiG Alley and includes gun camera footage. The last video follows the aerial evacuation of a GI from the time he's hit north of Seoul to his arrival in California a week later." Duford hopes the focus on people will make the Korean War more personal to those who visit the museum.

Since the Korean War was the first for the Air Force as a separate service, he said there is a big story to tell. It was an era where the military faced massive reductions, changes in race and gender policies and budget and force strength shortages.

"As a new service we had to prove ourselves," he said. "A lot was at stake."

New Team Members in the 185th Fighter Wing

 Edwin Frerichs Akron IA Entering Security	 Paul Huls Mission Hill SD Prior Army Reserve	 Kimberly Logemann Sr at Sgt Bluff Daughter of SSgt Jerry	 Jason Kamrodt Sioux City Returning from FL ANG
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